

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date via Zoom. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, notice was posted at the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

Roll call was taken by Thomas Wheeler

Councilmembers Present: Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi Vice President, Mayor Mahon, Judy Coleman, Doug Harris, Nick Lodise, Nicholas Toth and Doug Edge

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late: none

Others in Attendance: Solicitor, Robert DeBias, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal, Bill Wheeler, Sheri Wheeler, Eugene Lorenzetti, Rob Cunningham and Donnamarie Davis.

Absent: Kurt Ludwig, Authority

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wheeler Stated:

We are holding this meeting pursuant to Act 15 of 2020, and as a result of the Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Wolf. This meeting was duly advertised in the Courier Times, and by a notice posted at the Borough Hall. A recording of this meeting and a preliminary draft of the minutes will be placed on the Borough Website.

Public Comment:

- Peace Valley Holistic Center – Donnamarie Davis attended the meeting to thank council for its support. She explained that the delay in using the 2020 RDA Grant was due to an issue installing the HVAC system. The issue has been resolved and she is confident they will be able to spend the 2020 grant funds by the deadline in March.
- Black Property – The owner of the Black property, Eugene Lorenzetti and his engineer, Rob Cunningham came to present a sketch plan for the Black property development. They are asking for feedback from council. Mr. Lorenzetti would like to develop the property in a way that is good for Hulmeville Borough. Currently the plan has 2 apartment buildings containing 18 apartments, 27 town homes, 12 single homes and two estate lots. Every townhome has room to park two cars behind each home. The current plan preserves the wooded area and allows for open space bordering the Main St homes. Mr. Lorenzetti prefers to replace the apartments with townhomes and would like to move the driveways to the front of the homes. Mr. Lorenzetti asked council to discuss the current sketch plan

and provide him feedback so he can make any suggested changes before proceeding to the next step. The earliest they would break ground would be next spring. Mr. Wheeler told Mr. Lorenzetti council will look over the plans, discuss them at the March 1st meeting and provide feedback soon after the meeting. Currently the plan is following the zoning ordinance that was established by the Borough Council and maximizes open space requirements. Any changes to the current plan may require a variance from the Zoning Board.

Note Mr. Toth left the meeting at 7:44 and arrived back at 9:02pm

Solicitor:

- Verizon Contract Renewal – The FCC made a ruling in 2019 that stated if a municipality receives cable service for “free” the cost of that service needs to be deducted from the 5% payment they receive. The Verizon attorney offered to attend a council meeting to answer any questions council may have. Until the new contract is signed the old contract remains in effect even though it has expired.
- Subdivisions – The Planning Commission will be meeting on 2/23/21 at 7:30pm at Borough Hall to review the subdivisions for Green St and Main St. The Commission needs to review all comments made by the engineers for the two properties and either agree they comply or require a waiver. The Commission will then summarize their recommendations in writing which will be presented to council at the April 5th Council Meeting.

New Business:

- Police Vehicle Repair – The radiator in the police vehicle needed to be repaired at a cost of \$795.21. Mayor Mahon suggested council consider purchasing a new vehicle soon. The current vehicle has been requiring major repairs recently. Mr. Wheeler confirmed the current vehicle is 5 years old and has 33,000 miles on it. Several councilmembers agreed that they should try to keep it for at least 8 years.
- Petitions – Mayor Mahon informed council that Mr. Wasson has petitions for anyone who is running for re-election and they need to reach out to him to pick up the paperwork.
- BCCC Vaccine Clinic – Bucks County Community College will be opening next Wednesday as a vaccine location for the COVID-19 vaccination.
- Taser Certification – Mayor Mahon wanted to make sure it was ok with Ms. Omietanski that the police department conducted their Taser certification at Borough Hall in the meeting room sometime in March. Chief Baran will keep Ms. Omietanski apprised of the date.
- Dumpster Borough Hall – The dumpster at Borough Hall has not been collected due to snow conditions and is in need of being emptied. Mr. Lodise will contact Waste Management to have them come and empty the bin.
- Potholes Main St – Mr. Wheeler has called to report the potholes on Main Street.
- Donation to 150th Committee – Fire Marshal Wheeler suggested council make a motion to donate the budgeted amount set aside for the 150th Anniversary Celebration tonight.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to donate \$1,500 to the 150th Anniversary Celebration; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Old Business:

- Borough Manager Position – Mr. DeBias distributed the proposed borough manager ordinance for council to review. The next step in the process is to authorize to advertise the ordinance at the March 1st meeting. The Personnel Committee will need to draft a job description to be reviewed at the March work session.
- RDA Grant Police Department – Mayor Mahon is recommending council approve the purchase by the Borough of Taser equipment at a cost of \$14,280, Leonardo camera with a processor for the police vehicle at a cost of \$7,990 and two solar speed signs from Elan City at a cost of \$5,829 for the Police Department.

Motion made by Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to allow Chief Baran to purchase out of the RDA grant funds Taser equipment at a cost of \$14,280, Leonardo camera with a processor for the police vehicle at a cost of \$7,990 and two solar speed signs from Elan City at a cost of \$5,829; motion passed 6-0-0.

- Police Update with COVID Vaccine – Chief Baran has received his first of two shots and he is not aware of any other officers having received their yet.
- Expense Voucher – Mr. Harris distributed the expense vouchers.
- Thermostat – Mr. Harris installed one thermostat at Borough Hall. Mr. Harris needs the internet password to set the system up, which he will get from Ms. Omietanski. Mr. Mandolesi asked that he be informed of any work taking place at Borough Hall. There was an issue with the heater and it would have been helpful if he knew work was being done to the system.
- Traisr – Traisr is currently working on permits for the Borough and as soon as their work is completed, they will contact the Borough to schedule a meeting with staff members.

Correspondence:

- Electronic Recycling Events – Information was sent in the mail regarding a company who offers their services which allow townships to host electronic, appliance, computer recycling events for a fee. Mayor Mahon requested a copy of the information.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm; motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Toth; carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough